

## OPINION 1013

*PRIAPUS HUMANUS* LINNAEUS, 1758 AND *HOLOTHURIA**PRIAPUS* LINNAEUS, 1767 (PRIAPULIDA):

## SUPPRESSION UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the specific names *humanus* Linnaeus, 1758 as published in the binomen *Priapus humanus* and *priapus* Linnaeus, 1767 as published in the binomen *Holothuria priapus* are hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The generic name *Priapulus* Lamarck, 1816, (gender: masculine), type-species by monotypy, *Priapulus caudatus* Lamarck, 1816, is hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1994.

(3) The specific name *caudatus* Lamarck, 1816, as published in the binomen *Priapulus caudatus*, (type-species by monotypy of *Priapulus* Lamarck, 1816) is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2519.

(4) The following specific names, as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above, are hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *humanus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Priapus humanus* (Name No. 990);

(b) *priapus* Linnaeus, 1767, as published in the binomen *Holothuria priapus* (Name No. 991).

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1932)

The present case was submitted to the Office of the Commission by Dr. J. van der Land in September 1970. The application was sent to the printer on 26 October 1970 and was published on 29 March 1971 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 267–268. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers in the present case was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (Constitution Art. 12b; *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **21** : 184). No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 28 February 1973 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (73)8 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **27** : 267–268. At the end of the prescribed voting period on 28 May 1973 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—nineteen (19), received in the following order: Eisenmann, Lemche, Mayr, Simpson, Corliss, Vokes, Alvarado, Melville, Willink, Dupuis, Starobogatov, Tortonese, Nye, Binder, Brinck, Ride, Bernardi, Bayer, Heppell.

Negative votes—three (3): Holthuis, Rohdendorf, Sabrosky.

Voting Papers not returned—three (3): Munroe, Erben, Habe.

Commissioner Heppell asked that his vote be counted with the majority, and Commissioner Kraus returned a late affirmative vote.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

*Dr. L. B. Holthuis* (5.iii.73): "Dr. van der Land informed me that a strict application of the Rules will not cause an undesirable confusion in the nomenclature of this not very common species".

*Mr. D. Heppell* (24.v.73): "Please count my vote with the majority. I believe this is one of the rare cases where there is an equal weight of argument for stability and for priority. The proposer is not firmly in favour of one or the other possible outcome and I have no strong views on the case myself".

#### ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Index by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*caudatus*, *Priapulus*, Lamarck, 1816, *Histoire naturelle des animaux sans vertèbres* 3 : 77

*humanus*, *Priapus* Linnaeus, 1758, *Systema naturae* (ed. 10) 1 : 656

*Priapulus* Lamarck, 1816, *Histoire naturelle des animaux sans vertèbres* 3 : 77

*priapus*, *Holothuria* Linnaeus, 1767, *Systema naturae* (ed. 12) 1 (2) : 1091

#### CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (73)8 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 1013.

R. V. MELVILLE

*Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

*London*

*9 October 1973*